

A Puzzle Solved by Massless Modes in AdS_3 Integrability

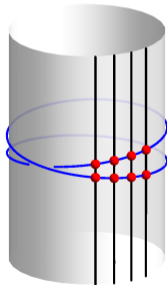
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Programme

1. One of the nicest results in AdS/CFT:

Quantum integrability, the dressing phase,
and tests using macroscopic spinning strings.

2. A problem we were stuck on for 3 years:

Generalising from $AdS_5 \times S^5$ to $AdS_3 \times S^3 \times T^4$:
find a different phase, but this gives a mismatch.

3. How this led us to some new physics:

The limitations of the Bethe Ansatz, and
first unavoidable appearance of massless modes.

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Quantum effects: **HL phase** $c_{r,s}$

[Hernandez, Lopez, 2006]

+ higher terms $\mathcal{O}(1/\hbar)$

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via [Beisert & Tseytlin]'s resummation:

$$\delta E^{\text{int}} = -\frac{m^6}{3\mathcal{J}^5} + \frac{m^8}{3\mathcal{J}^7} - \frac{49m^{10}}{120\mathcal{J}^9} + \frac{2m^{12}}{5\mathcal{J}^{11}} + \dots$$

Now recover this from Bethe equations...

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Many other checks of this phase, all perfect including derivations from crossing, or from magnon scattering.

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$$\text{recall } \kappa = \sqrt{m^2 + \mathcal{J}^2}$$

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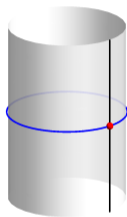
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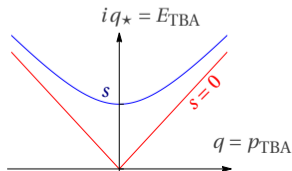
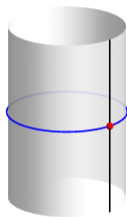
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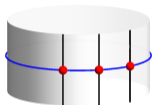


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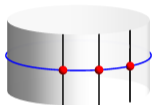


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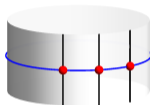
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Using S° from [Borsato, Ohlsson Sax, Sfondrini, Stefanski, 2015] for massless virtual particle:

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Right order, wrong coefficients...

... but certainly enough to show that we cannot ignore such corrections:

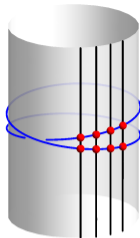
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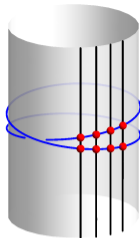
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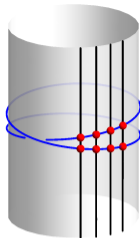
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The mixed-mass dressing phase of $S^{\circ\circ}$ isn't very well fixed; here we assume ordinary AFS phase as in [BOS, 2015].



Zooming Out

What this means:

- Perhaps there is no Bethe regime, without wrapping.
- Clearly we need a TBA including the massless modes.

Some puzzles:

- $SL(2)$ sector i.e. $AdS_3 \times S^1$:
 - Circular strings — stricter test than $su(2)$, one more parameter. [H&L 2006]
Lüscher gives correct order δE but wrong coefficients? [2017?]
 - Short folded strings — calculated to $\mathcal{O}(S^2)$ and agrees with Bethe.
[Gromov & Valatka, 2011] [Beccaria & Macorini 2013]
- Two-loop disagreement in dispersion relation for massless particles
[Sundin & Wulff 2015]

Muito Obrigado, Bardzo Dziękuję!

